

K & Clare

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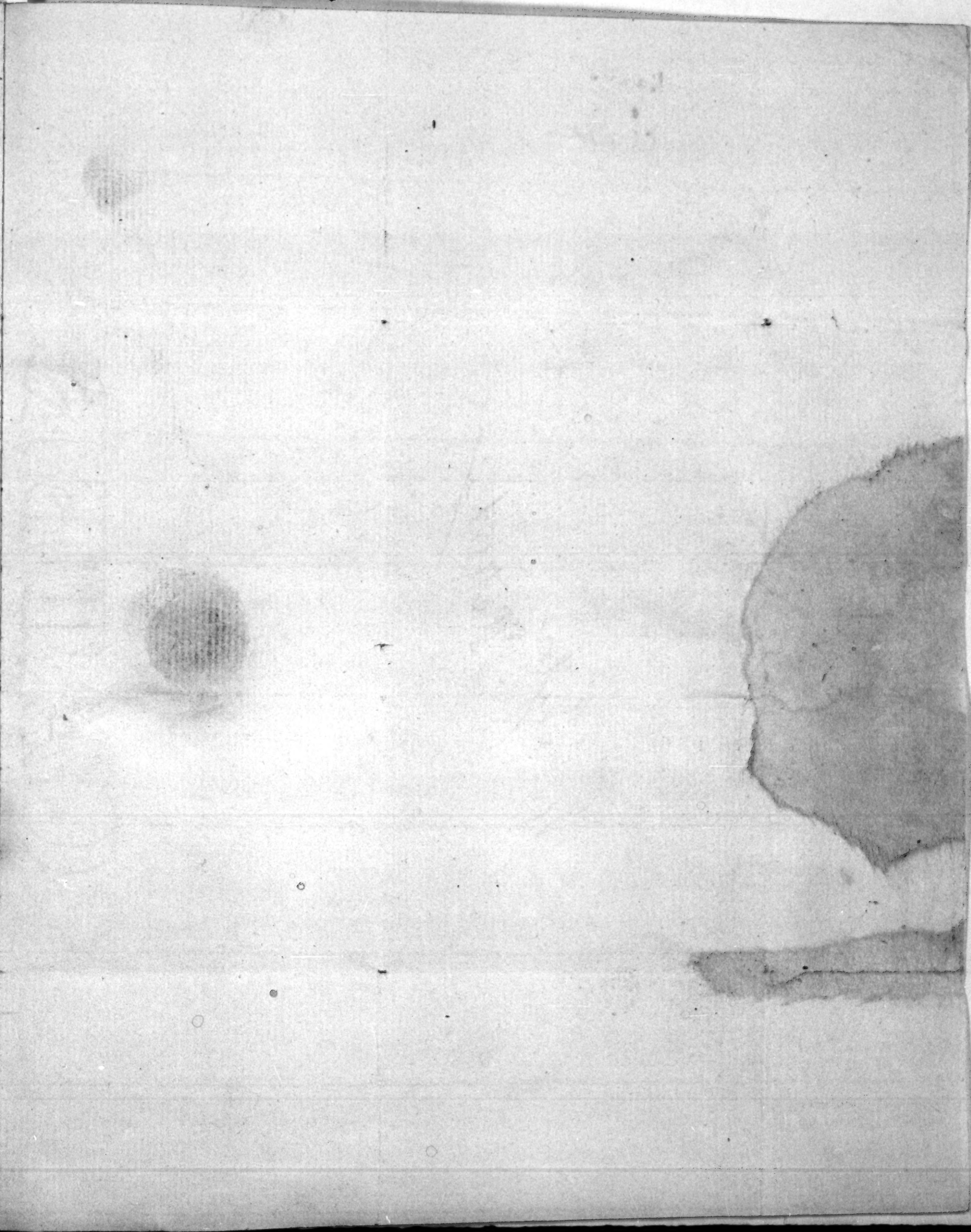
My dear Father,

The Magazines are on the whole more favorable to Keats than I expected - In the New Monthly are some strong Remarks on the Attacks, which have been made on him by the Quarterly Review & Blackwood. - In the Scots are similar Observations upon the Spirit of the Quarterly, but without mentioning names. - I saw Blackwood himself to day - He called upon me, & after a few minutes general conversation I said we have published in the Vol of Keats for your Editors to make merry with; but I don't care what they say of the poetry so long as they abstain from attacking the author personally - He defended the Critiques, & said it was in the fair spirit of criticism, but I told him that the cold blooded Threat that they would take care he should never get 50£ for another Poem, was made in the spirit of the Devil. - In a little time he took his Departure evidently cooler than he entered. - I thought it right to tell him what I really thought, and what many others here think of his Publication; & this Satisfaction was as we before stated by my being last night that poor Keats has again captured a Raper in the Lungs & now lies in a very dangerous State -

I have had a visit today from my old Friend Lord Redstock
— He was speeded I dare say, but he could not keep away.
Now however we are quite thick again, but he asked
me to dine with him off a Haunch of Venison on Monday
next, which I declined, and he then said he was agreed I
meant to see him at his own House as soon. I pleaded
Business and retired Habits in excuse for admitting that
it was so — This understanding is a great Relief to me.

I received a letter from Clare this morning in which
he speaks of coming to Town about the middle of next month
but I shall not think it necessary to stay here on that
account — He complains of his wife as a Tormentor, but
perhaps the Fault is partly his own. — He was at Harvest
work, but so many Persons came to call upon him that
he was often sent for from the Field 3 or 4 times a day
and therefore he has resolved to stay at Home altogether.
— Poor Fellow! I question if his Advancement will
make him much happier —

I hope you see the Story Purel — Lettore came
safe — I am Dryden Father (with love as usual)
Yours most affect. Son
John Taylor



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